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LAKESHORE LIGHT

Elementary students CELEBRATE 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL!

Join us in engaging the minds, spirits and talents of our students and teachers.

Read the LEF insert in this newsletter for more information.

Grounded in Tradition – Committed to Excellence

Message from the Superintendent

Superintendent
Phil Freeman

As I move closer to the day of retirement, I find myself reflecting on my eight years serving as superintendent of Lakeshore Public Schools.

It has been a privilege to work alongside the many talented Lakeshore administrators, teachers, students, community leaders, volunteers, parents and staff.

Nothing exemplifies our commitment to excellence more than our work together over the past 12 months.

During this pandemic, I have been witness to dedicated professionals at all levels as they reimagined and reinvented how we teach and nurture students. The willingness to take risks and the collective effort that allowed Lakeshore to thrive during this pandemic is nothing short of inspiring.

There is no question that this has been the most challenging of school years. As is the case in facing all obstacles, our Lakeshore Public Schools team acted with stalwart resolve and provided the highest quality of education for both our virtual and in-person students. While other districts are just now experiencing the benefit of face-to-face instruction for the first time since March of 2020, Lakeshore demonstrated that in-person learning can be done safely and effectively through this entire school year. In doing so, we set the best of examples for our students, families, and the community in how to deal with a pandemic. It is what sets Lakeshore apart.

We are grateful for the financial support of the **LAKESHORE EXCELLENCE FOUNDATION** and for the efforts of the LEF all-volunteer board.

As we move toward the end of the school year, I want to take this opportunity to thank our entire staff for providing valuable learning opportunities both virtually and in-person. My thanks to:

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The mission of Lakeshore Public Schools, in partnership with families and the community, is to guide students toward achieving educational excellence by engaging, inspiring and empowering them to think, learn and pursue their individual passions with knowledge, confidence, and integrity – the foundation of their future.

2020-2021 Board of Education Regular Meetings

Regular Board meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 5:30 P.M. in the Middle School Media Center. *(Please visit our website for VIRTUAL meeting information.)*

*April 19, 2021
May 10, 2021
June 14, 2021

*The April meeting will be held on the third Monday due to Spring Recess.

- The **Maintenance Staff** who helped us create a safe environment;
- The **Food Service Staff** who kept our students fed throughout this crisis;
- The **Technology Team** who assured that our staff and students were connected when we could not meet face-to-face;
- The **Administrative Assistants** for serving as frontline support for students, staff, and parents;
- The **Teachers and Paraprofessionals** who worked tirelessly in-person and/or online to stay connected with our students while delivering an outstanding curriculum;
- The **Transportation Department** for safely getting our students to and from school,
- The **Administrative Team** for providing direction and steady leadership; and
- The **Central Administration Team** who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to orchestrate the intricate details of operating a district during a pandemic.

The heroic response to this pandemic has made us stronger, more dynamic, and even more focused on the individual needs of our students than ever before.

While we worry about learning loss during the pandemic as measured by standardized tests, do not lose sight of all that our students HAVE learned: adaptability, resilience, time management, and independence. I could not be prouder. These are all skills that will prepare them for the challenge of facing a world that will be dramatically different after this pandemic.

During my years in Lakeshore, I have never lost sight of the enormous responsibility entrusted to me and did all I could to protect and advance the community's most important asset. As an educational leader, I've always believed that creating a positive culture in which students felt connected and supported as they grew both academically and emotionally was our most important job. This philosophy is embedded in the fabric of our district and community.

Together, we have been able to build upon the strong traditions and commitment to excellence that defines Lakeshore Public Schools. I am confident that this work will be carried on.

It is time to enroll for the 2021-22 School Year!

We are always so happy to welcome new students and families to Lakeshore.

Young 5's registration is now open online.
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Enrollment dates are March 1 - April 30.

Kindergarten-12th grade enrollment opens April 1st online.
lpslancers.net/Page/1618

School of Choice
School of Choice dates have yet to be determined but usually occur in April and May. If you want to be placed on a list to receive school of choice information as soon as it is available, please email Sue Hardy at shardy@lpslancer.net.

A popular question is, what if a parent can't complete the enrollment online? In this case, we do have a few packets to hand out in our office, however online is the preferred method if you are able. Call 428-1400 if you need any other enrollment assistance.

ATTENTION: GOLFERS

12th Annual Adam Tilly Memorial Golf Outing
July 10, 2021 at
Lake Michigan Hills
Contact: Hans Koppenhoefer at hansk@duramold.net

LAKESHORE GRADUATING SENIORS

This annual fundraiser provides scholarships to graduating Lakeshore High School Seniors.
Watch for details on the Lakeshore website and at the high school guidance office.

District Calendar

April 1, 2021
Half Day All Students - End of 3rd Quarter

April 2-9, 2021
Spring Break

April 13, 2021
MS/HS Only - Half Day
(Junior Testing Day)

May 7, 2021
Half Day All Students

May 31, 2021
Memorial Day - no school

June 6, 2021
Graduation Ceremony, 3:00 P.M.

June 9, 2021
Half Day All Students

June 10, 2021
Last Day for Students/Staff

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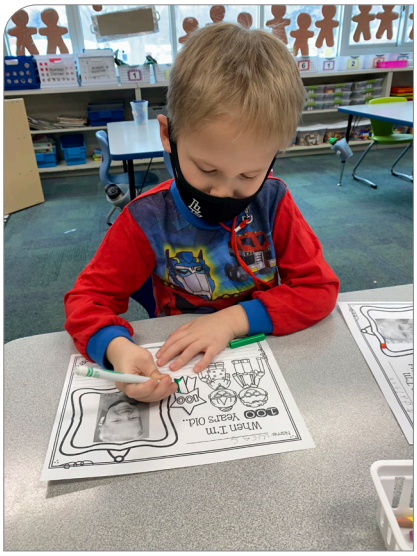


Elementary student hard at work!

Elementary students enjoy project time.

Social Emotional Learning at Lakeshore's Elementary Schools

D. Galloway, P. Hazzard-Reed, M. Hines

As this year has proven, the social emotional skills of our students, staff, and community are the foundation of the learning environment.

Navigating through a global pandemic, while trying to provide "in person" learning, undoubtedly has added to the stress and anxiety life can also bring.

To support our students and their families, Lakeshore Elementary Schools will be adopting a standardized tool to help us understand the specific social and emotional needs of our students.

The importance of using proven research, a strength based social emotional curriculum, and standardized evaluation tools is critical to maintain "best practice" and lays a solid foundation for staff and students to launch the academic skills they need moving forward.

DESSA
Devereux Student Strengths Assessment
K-8th Grade

DESSA is the evaluation tool counselors, staff, and potentially parents, will use to rate every elementary student in the areas of social emotional strength. Evaluations will be conducted three times over the course of the 2021-2022 school year: October, February and May. The DESSA rating scale can be completed in 5-8 minutes, and creates a report for teachers, counselors and families, detailing each child's social emotional competencies. Information from the assessments will be used to determine intervention needs, such as small group participation, additional family resource allocation, referrals for additional counseling opportunities, individualized supports, etc.

Using the DESSA evaluation tool, counselors have a "standardized" unit of measure, with which to justify plans of care for each student as necessary.

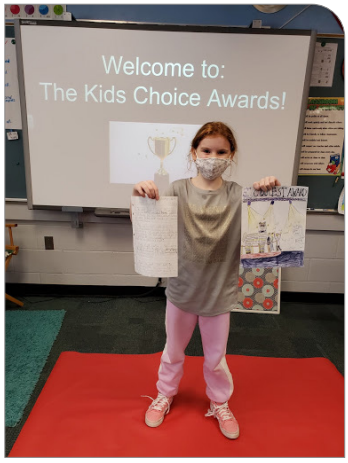
The DESSA is directly aligned to the CASEL *(Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning)* framework, which also supports the foundations of the Second Step curriculum being facilitated at each elementary grade level schoolwide.

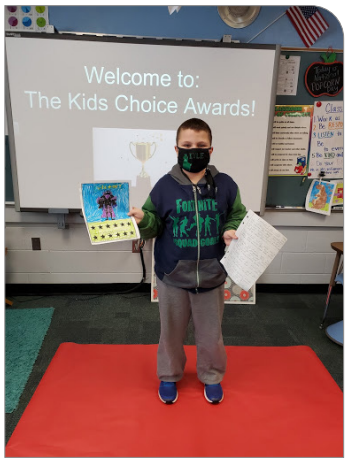
4th Grade Writing Celebration

Welcome to the Kids' Choice Awards!

Have you ever walked on a red carpet at an awards ceremony?

Mrs. Williamson's students enjoyed making awards for their five collectible objects, and walking the red carpet to celebrate their opinion writing. Their opinion writing consisted of ranking a collection *(stuffed animals, baseball cards, ice cream flavors, etc.)* and providing evidence for their awards. Pictured are celebrity students celebrating their award ceremony. We are proud of their achievements!



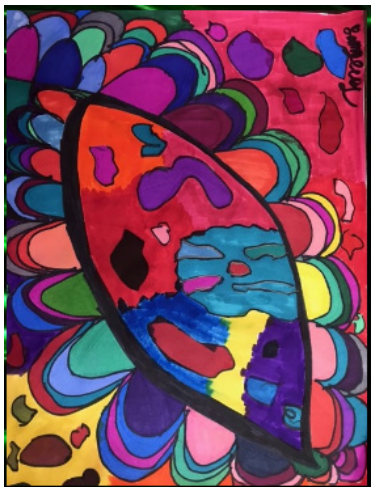


Students enjoyed the red carpet Kid's Choice Awards to celebrate their opinion writing pieces.

Hollywood Virtual Art Show

February was a creative month for the students at Hollywood Elementary!

The **Student Lighthouse Team** (SLT) had been exploring new ideas to engage our student body. Their latest, greatest idea included a virtual art show. All Hollywood students, in-person and virtual, were invited to share their creative masterpieces with the school. **There were 60 students who submitted work in 2D, 3D and textile categories.** The SLT then compiled the art into a slideshow that was shared with our school family. Here are some examples of their amazing work!



2D Modern Art

3D Paper Art

Textile Art

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Hollywood Virtual Variety Show

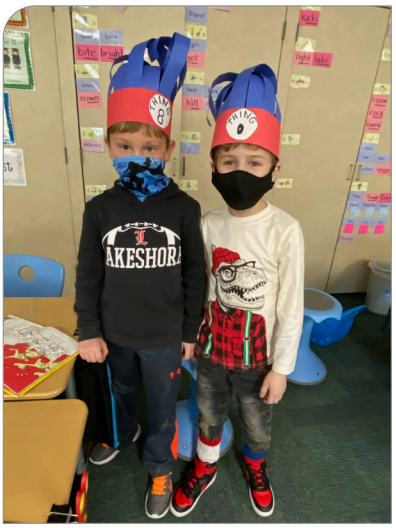
This year at Hollywood, students will be participating in a Virtual Variety Show.

Currently, students are working hard to perfect their acts at home to be recorded and compiled. There will be singing, dancing, instruments and comedy! We are planning a video premiere in school on May 7, and then we will share it with the community via the PTO website that night. You DON'T want to miss all of the talent Hollywood has to offer!

Left to Right: Ella T., Emma K., and Sydney T.

Hollywood Spelling Bee Winners

Three 5th graders represented Hollywood at the annual **Cloverleaf Spelling Bee** in March. The event was held virtually this year. The winner of the Cloverleaf moves on to the Scripps National Spelling Bee competition. We congratulate our top three contestants!



Students celebrate Dr. Suess Day in Mrs. Hyrns' class at Hollywood Elementary.

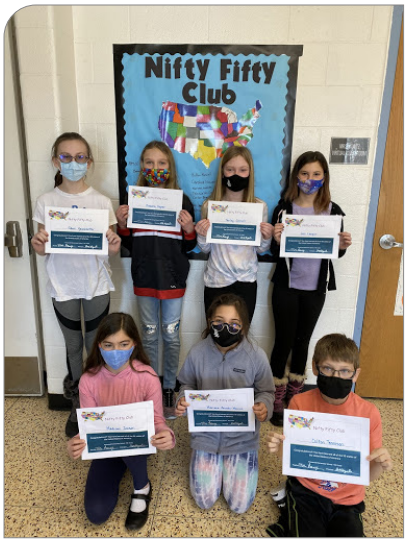
Dr. Seuss's Birthday is a nationwide reading celebration that takes place annually on March 2 — Dr. Seuss's birthday.

Across the country, thousands of schools, libraries, and community centers participate by bringing together kids, teens, and books, and fun!

Dr. Seuss Day grants kids a full 24 hours to make a mess with the Cat in the Hat, dance around with the Fox in Sox, hear a Who with Horton, count the red and blue fish, help the Grinch see the error of his ways, and listen to Sam I Am's friend complain about his dish of green eggs and ham!

Nifty Fifty Club 5th Grade (States and Capitals)

Roosevelt fifth graders have been busy completing geography challenges as part of our **Nifty Fifty Club**. Members of this club work on their own time to complete geography challenges such as: learning the 50 states and capitals, creating a landform map of North America, learning about different national parks, and state presentations.



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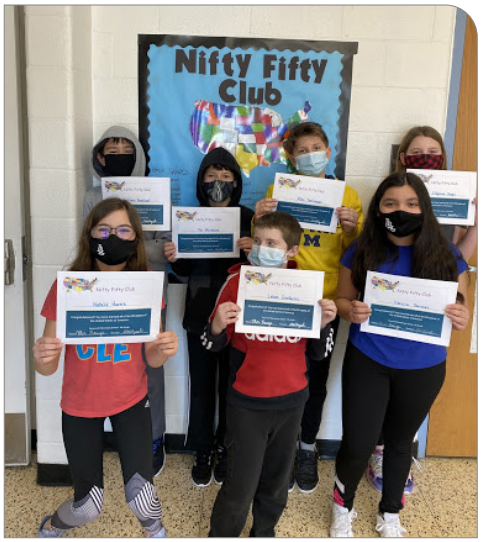

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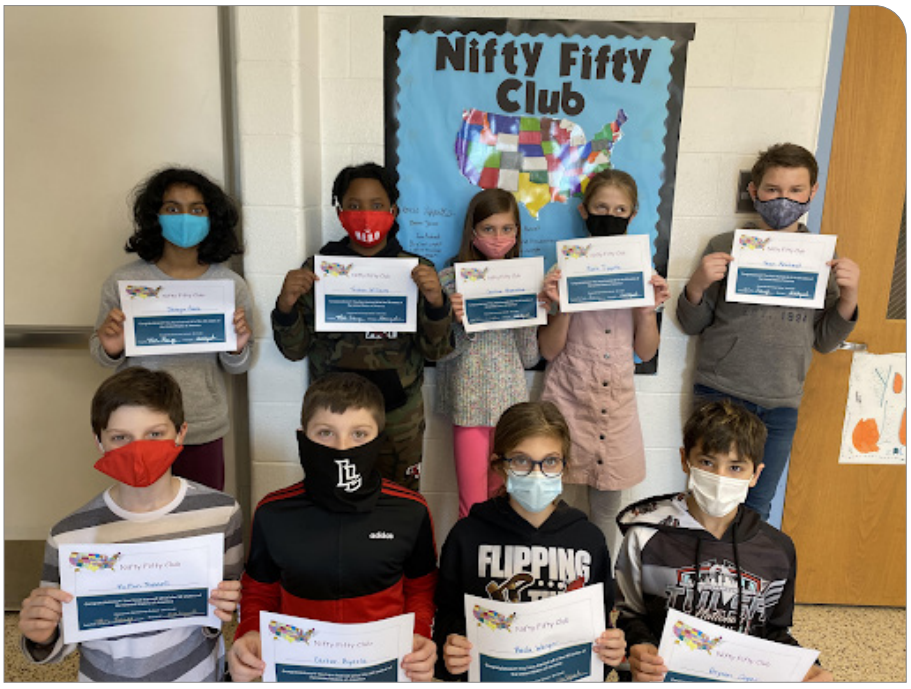

Nifty Fifty Club

Readers are Leaders!

Building strong reading skills provides a great foundation for your student to excel in school and in life. Reading exercises your brain, improves concentration, improves vocabulary and language skills, and develops a child's imagination, while teaching them about different topics.

Start reading with your student(s) just 20 minutes a day and begin seeing great results almost immediately!

Lakeshore Elementary Students CELEBRATE 100 DAYS of School

100th Day Celebration

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Stewart Kindergartners Celebrated Being 100 Days Smarter on the 100th Day of School!

Mrs. Rubley's class had a special snack that looked like the number **100**, built with **100** objects, did a special craft project with **100** gumballs, made a **100**th Day headband, and searched for **100** missing numbers in their classroom!

In Mrs. Meyer's class children painted colorful **100** dots with q-tips, built with **100** Legos, stacked **100** plastic cups, stuck **100** stickers on 10 tens frames, and made a headband showing their three favorite activities from the first **100** days of school. They even got to see a picture of what they might look like when they are **100** years old!

Our LVA Kindergartners celebrated the **100**th Day, too! They created collections of **100** objects, which they shared with their class. They also built with **100** blocks, wrote numbers to **100**, made **100**th Day headbands, did puzzles with **100** pieces, and made a snack with **100** pieces.

All kindergartners got to practice great counting skills through these fun activities. They counted by 1's and by 10's many times in many ways on the **100**th Day! They also learned about how the number **100** is made up of 10 groups of 10. Everyone had a great time celebrating our first **100** days together in kindergarten!

100th Day Celebration

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REACH HIGHER

LAKESHORE EXCELLENCE FOUNDATION

SPRING 2021

THANK YOU

Thank you to the individuals and businesses who have supported LEF this past year! We sincerely appreciate your generosity.

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GRANTS IN ACTION

$250,000 in grants awarded to teachers and students in 2020. Peek inside to read about some of our grants in action!

READ MORE PAGE 5 & 6.

Our mission is to "acquire and distribute resources in support of Lakeshore Public Schools for programs and projects aimed at enriching or supplementing learning opportunities for students, staff, and community."

Thank you for your continued support!

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Back to the Basics: Our Sincerest Thank You

Research shows what we all inherently learned as young children: Saying "thank you" is the right thing to do.

It's a powerful gesture. "Saying thanks can improve somebody's own happiness, and it can improve the well-being of another person as well — even more than we anticipate, in fact," says research study co-author Amit Kumar, an assistant professor of marketing at the University of Texas at Austin's McCombs School of Business. "If both parties are benefiting from this, I think that's the type of action we should be pursuing more often in our everyday lives."

In a typical year, Lakeshore Excellence Foundation has two major fundraising events: The Lakeshore Golf Scramble in June and our Online Auction in February.

Our board members would normally reach out to businesses and individuals within the community to ask for donations. But this year was unlike any other we've experienced. Our business supporters have been struggling to stay afloat as COVID restrictions have changed the way they are able to work. As we approached the time to plan for our February Online Auction we just didn't feel right about going out into the community. It was unanimously agreed by our board that there was no way we could ask for donations for the Online Auction.

Out of that conversation grew an idea that also generated unanimous support. Rather than ask, why don't we take this time to show our gratitude and appreciation?

Each board member took the time to hand-write thank you cards that were sent to those businesses and individuals who have supported our foundation's efforts. Writing a thank you note is such a simple and easy gesture. It doesn't feel as if it compares to the generosity that we experience on a regular basis, but Lakeshore Excellence Foundation is sincerely grateful for the kindness of those who support our organization's efforts.

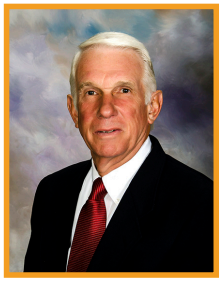
It is through these donations that we are able to positively impact the educational experiences of our students and staff, making our community a better place to live and work.

THANK YOU!

See the 2020 Lakeshore Education Foundation Business Donors list on PAGE 4. Learn more about LEF online at: lefonline.org

As We Look Ahead ...

Lakeshore Public School Community and Our Donors


J.C. Anderson, LEF Chairman

As I have evaluated what to discuss in this Chairman's Letter, I had a number of thoughts that I wanted to share with you. This won't be a long and drawn out discussion regarding any one of the items, but rather some commentary and questions as I think about these items in relation to our Lakeshore Excellence Foundation's (LEF) activity. They are all important to the LEF so they are addressed in no particular order:

1 Superintendent Phil Freeman

We are all aware of Phil's decision to retire at the end of the school year. After many years in education, with his last stop as our Lakeshore Superintendent, Phil's leaving will be a real loss for our community, our school system, and the LEF. As many of you may have experienced, Phil is very easy to talk with and is willing to discuss any appropriate subject. He has helped the LEF develop a rich understanding of the school system and how our financial support can be utilized most effectively. Phil has been very complimentary about the LEF's fundraising capability in comparison to his previous foundation in a much larger community. We will miss the close working relationship and friendship that we have developed with Phil, but we will work to develop a similar relationship with the new Superintendent. **How can LEF develop a similar, strong relationship with the new Superintendent?**

2 COVID-19

I imagine that we are all struggling with the impact that this virus has had in one way or another: On our businesses, our school system and potentially our personal health. It is estimated that the initiation of the virtual learning option and the enhanced safety precautions for in-school learning will cost an additional $1.9 million for the Lakeshore Schools this 2020-2021 school year. It does not appear that this premium spending will go away soon and certainly the State of Michigan will not fund this long term. **Does the LEF play a role in this funding?**

3 Inclusion Matters

Our nation has seen unprecedented outcries in 2020 and early 2021, asking that each individual be treated with respect and given equal opportunity. As the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation, we must work to develop an approach to ensure that our funding helps accomplish two items: 1) We must strive to reduce the achievement gap and 2) Address diversity/equity/inclusion as part of our major projects and grants that we fund. **What definitive items can the LEF do in this area of diversity, equity and inclusion?**

4 Funding Lakeshore's Next Major Project(s)

With the STEM Implementation, Reading Matters and Community Auditorium renovation projects reaching the end of the LEF's financial support, we are working with Phil Freeman to identify and assess a number of potential major projects that LEF could fund. We want to hit a "grand slam home run" with each of our major projects so that our donors, the staff, students and the community all feel excellent about that investment. **What will be the next major project(s) funded by the LEF?**

5 LEF Contributions

As you can see, there is no lack of need to help financially support our Lakeshore Public Schools. We are faced, however, with an economy that has barely started to recover from the impact of COVID-19. The impact has been different for all of us, but we have all been affected in some manner. I have always said that there is no better investment than the one you make in kids and education. Donating to LEF is a tax deductible contribution that accomplishes both. **What impact will COVID-19 have on the LEF contributions is 2021?**

As I mentioned in the beginning, I have a number of thoughts and questions running around in my mind. Now you know those thoughts, questions and have an idea of the work that the LEF Board is in the process of undertaking. As always, I would like to hear your comments and opinions.

J.C. Anderson, LEF Chairman
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2020 Lakeshore Excellence Foundation Business Donors

The Lakeshore Public Schools community is a wonderful area to live, work, raise your children, and an EXCELLENT place for education. Thank you for your generosity.

221 Main - *Restaurant & Cocktail House*
Abonmarche Consultants
Affinity Salon & Spa- Renee Borah
Alex's Veggies
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Lakeshore Public Schools
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Mark Brown - *Thrivent Financial*
Mark III Grille & Bar
Martin's Super Markets
Melanie Easley at Allure Salon
Midwest Glass & Mirror
Modern Day Knights
Moersch Hospitality Group
Nutrizone - *Mary Jo Risetter*
Olive Cart
Penguin Random House
Perennial Accents
Professional Hearing Services, LTD.
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Red Coach Donuts
Revive Self Spa
Roger Mojsiejenko - *Mortgage Advisor – United Federal Credit Union*
Santaniello's Restaurant
Schu's Grill & Bar
Sensational Spas - *Brian VanHorn*
Shelley Shell at Allure Salon
Sill Laser Graphics
Silver Beach Pizza
Silver Harbor Brewing Company
Soft Touch Car Wash
Sophia's House of Pancakes
Southshore/Mark Ficks
Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra
Sparkle Quik Lube
Supreme Travel
Tara Newman - *Delicious Deliveries, LLC*
Taylor Rental
The Herald-Palladium
The Inn at Harbor Shores
The Purpose Partners
Tosi's Restaurant
Turquoise Top Hat
United Federal Credit Union
Vickers Engineering, Inc.
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The Future of Robotics

The rate of change in the world seems like it has accelerated dramatically in the last year.

While living in the midst of a global pandemic, we have added to our language with words like "social distance," "bubbles," and "pods." These new terms are now a part of our daily lives. We've had to change the way we work and learn. Being flexible and adaptable are now skills that are in high demand. So as we try to find some sense of normalcy, we realize that the way we have always done things may no longer be effective under our current restrictions. Robotics competitions are no exception.

***FIRST*® Robotics Competitions combine the excitement of sport with the thought-provoking rigor of science, technology, sales and marketing.**

In the past, each season started with a kickoff event where a new, challenging game was unveiled. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the competition needed to be revised and reimagined. And yes, another new word has been added to our vocabulary: **Coopertition® - where teams are encouraged to display gracious professionalism®**, help other teams and cooperate while competing.

Our very own Team Lance-A-Bot will take part in a series of three new challenges where teams compete from "home" in a virtual environment:

THE INFINITE RECHARGE

Rather than building a new model, teams will use their current robot to participate in a series of skills challenges.

THE GAME DESIGN CHALLENGE

Teams are asked to design a ***FIRST*®** Robotics Competition and compete for awards. Winning game designs may be used in future competitions.

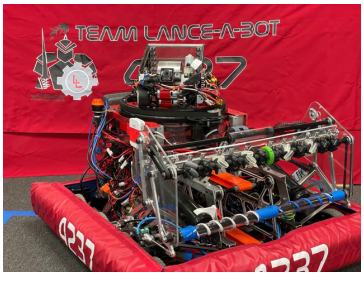
THE FIRST INNOVATION CHALLENGE

Teams are asked to identify a real-world problem and devise an innovative solution to address that issue.

Lakeshore's Robotics Team will be learning skills that are critical to success in life. They are moving from a sport-mindset to a solution-mentality.

Yes, ideas and implementation have always been a part of the robotics requirements, but with the addition of the Innovation Challenge, students will learn that consumers don't just buy technologies. They pay for solutions to their problems. By participating in this process that takes an idea from a concept and transforms it into a life-changing, productive application, our student participants are experiencing the future, today.

The Lakeshore Excellence Foundation is a proud supporter of Lakeshore's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) curriculum and educational experiences like robotics.



Learn more about Team Lance-A-Bot:

Website: lakeshorerobotics.com
Facebook: @Lance A Bot
Twitter: @LHSRoboticsTeam
Instagram: @frc_team_4273

Pigeons, Dogs and Cobras in the Classroom

mindful games Activity Cards
BE MINDFUL & STRESS LESS
BE MINDFUL Card Deck for Teens
calm mindfulness flash cards for kids
Mindful Chair Yoga

Middle School Teacher Laura Engleman and Lakeshore Excellence Foundation bring Yoga to Lakeshore Middle School.

Yes, you read that right. We have pigeons, dogs and cobras in the classroom. Of course, we are referring to the pigeon pose, downward dog and cobra yoga poses that are a part of most yoga classes.

Lakeshore Excellence Foundation awarded Jennifer Engleman, a middle school teacher, two grants to bring yoga to the middle school. Engleman shared, **"The pandemic and all the restrictions can be very stressful on students. There are so many positive outcomes from doing yoga. When doing yoga, students are learning tools to help them cope with stress and much more. Even if there hadn't been a pandemic, students can use breathing techniques to help curb anxiety in a non-disruptive way in the classroom."**

Engleman is working toward achieving a Registered Child Yoga Teacher certification, and is training with *Yoga in My School*. It is an accredited provider of the RCYT certification program located in Alberta, Canada. She has already completed a level one children's yoga class, teen yoga training, and is currently taking a trauma-informed yoga class.

Engleman's long term goal is to start an after school yoga program where any student wanting to participate and learn yoga will have the opportunity to do so.

With the covid restrictions this year, she was not able to do that. Instead, she has been teaching yoga to students in her Lancer Time class. "The students love yoga! Some love to use yoga as a fitness tool to increase their strength and flexibility, while others enjoy the mindfulness part of it, and share that it helps them to relax and not be so stressed," said Engleman. Additionally, she has been given the green light to begin an after school class in the fourth quarter of this school year!

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Lakeshore Excellence Foundation Grants

The next great idea for our schools can come from anyone: students, teachers, staff, or community members. Visit: lefonline.org/grants

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THE FACTS

The state funding for public schools in Michigan continues to be a challenge and Lakeshore is in the bottom 25% in funding. Yes, 75% of Michigan public school districts receive more state funding on a revenue per student basis!

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100 Days of School Celebrated at Roosevelt

Can you believe it? We have been in school for **100** days! We are so thankful that we have had **100** days of learning together here at Roosevelt! Our first graders ate a trail mix of **100** snacks, played games, and made crafts, all using the number **100**! It was a great day, full of lots of math counting skills and even more smiles.

100th Day Celebration

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101 Day Celebration at Hollywood - Dalmatian Style!

As we spoke about being **101** days smarter, kindergarten students at Hollywood dressed in black and white and made dog ears with **101** spots. During this fun day, we had a special guest reader come in and read the story of **101** Dalmatians. It was Cruella De Vil (thank you Mrs. Macerata)!!! Fun was had by all!

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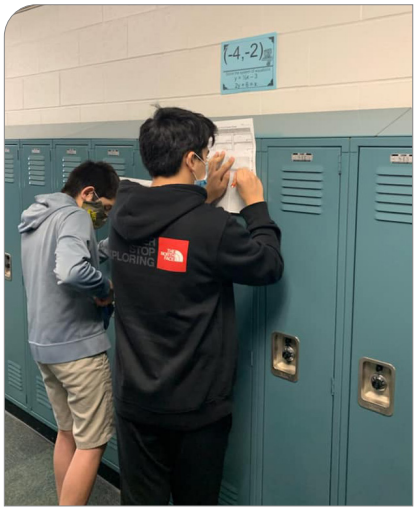
You Don't Want to Miss This!

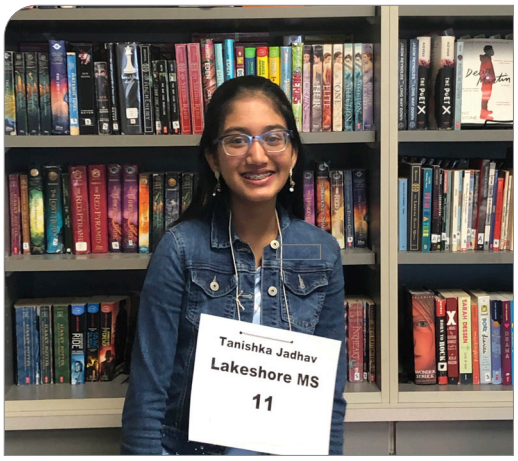
The **Staff Video for 2021** is here! The middle school staff puts together a video every year to end the Variety Show. Though the Variety Show was virtual and shared with students this week via submitted and recorded acts, the staff still wanted to make sure the annual video happened.
View it here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bcMv5IFIS4s



Math Scavenger Hunt

8th grade math students participated in a "Solving Systems" scavenger hunt. These students are busy solving a clue!

Virtual Cloverleaf Spelling Bee



Virtual Cloverleaf Spelling Bee

The power of technology made it possible for this year's **Cloverleaf Spelling Competition** between Berrien, Cass and Van Buren county public and parochial school districts to occur. The preliminary round of the Cloverleaf Bee was held on Tuesday, March 2, where the top three spellers from the Lakeshore Middle School Bee took the online test. Tanishka was a top 16 finalist, so she was able to take part in the final round of the Virtual Cloverleaf Bee. On March 9, she took fourth place and was the highest placing female in the competition! Way to go, LMS spellers, for taking on this virtual spelling challenge this year! A special and huge thank you to our spelling team advisor, Mrs. Veldman, for another successful season!

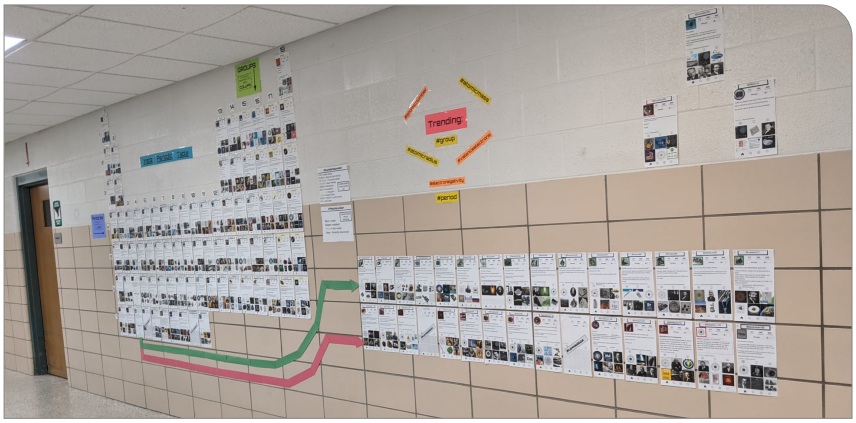
Community Quilt

Community Quilt Squares

6th grade ELA scholars have been working hard on their squares for the community quilt! Each student was responsible for creating a square, which incorporated their own definition and example of a community that was important to them. First, they chose one of the examples of community that they brainstormed on note cards. Then, using that one example, designed a quilt square that showed the following: a visual representation of what the community is, a title stating their name and the name of the community, and a sentence stating how they feel connected to their community of choice. Once students completed their quilt squares, they selected a background for matting. The community quilt now graces the beginning of the 6th grade hallway!

Positivity Project (P2) #OtherPeopleMindset

A special shout out to these four scholars in 3rd hour ELA who have embraced the **Positivity Project (P2) #OtherPeopleMindset** as they celebrated the end of their literary essay unit. Together, they brought in enough individually wrapped snacks and drinks for two days of celebrating their writing.
Way to go and a huge thank you to this team!



GIANT Insta Periodic Table

The periodic table, also known as the periodic table of elements, is a tabular display of the chemical elements, which are arranged by atomic number, electron configuration, and recurring chemical properties. The structure of the table shows periodic trends. The seven rows of the table, called periods, generally have metals on the left and nonmetals on the right. The columns, called groups, contain elements with similar chemical behaviors. 8th grade scientists are proud to present the **GIANT Insta Periodic Table**! Each student researched an element and presented their findings via Instagram profiles/posts.

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Digital Research

7th grade ELA students celebrated the end of their **Digital Research** unit. Students learned how to evaluate and read digital sources, take notes, and synthesize information. They taught other students about their topics using their creative and informational synthesis pages.

Battle of the Books

7th grade teams have been preparing for the Battle -- making posters, figuring out costumes and skits, and of course dividing up the books to read.

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Lakeshore Lollapalooza

Attention Lancers!

This year's Variety Show will be offered virtually rather than as a one-weekend event.

This means that you have an opportunity to perfect your act, record your performance, and then edit the video if you wish.

We will accept anything that might be considered "Variety" in the acts: singing, dancing, instrumentals, skits, comedy, magic, juggling ... anything you think people might enjoy. That said, all videos will be assessed for appropriateness and quality, and some submissions will NOT be chosen for this year's show. There could be any number of reasons for this, so we ask in advance that participants realize that some hard decisions might have to be made in order to keep show time reasonable.

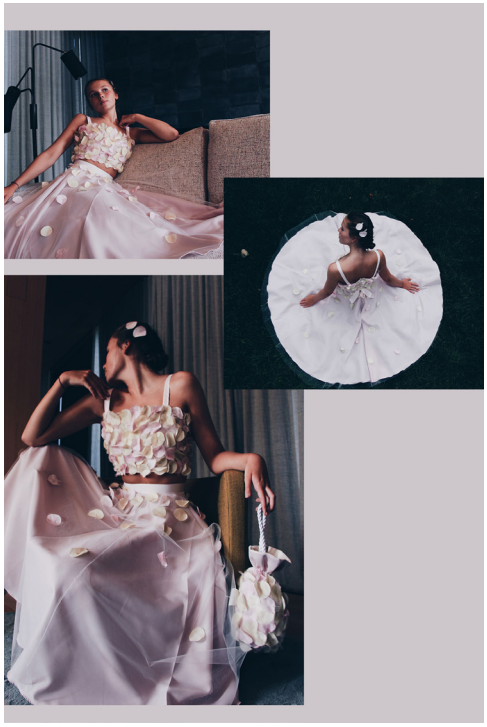
For videos including multiple students who are NOT in the same household, the school's expectations in terms of social distancing and masks will be firmly enforced. No video with questionable practices in terms of Covid safety will be chosen. **Contact Mr. Gailey or Mrs. Sloan at the high school for more details.**

2021 Regional Scholastic Art & Writing Awards

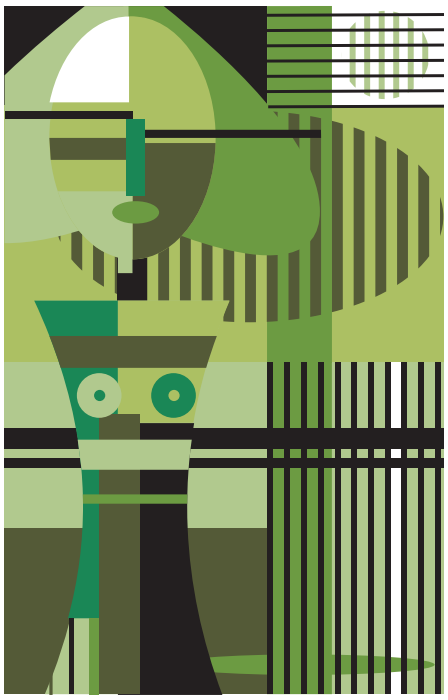
Excerpts from: southbendart.org

The **Scholastic Art Awards** represents the most comprehensive national annual assessment of the creative spirit among American teens. Three core values have not changed since the awards inception: freedom of expression, a blind adjudication process, and work criteria based on originality, technical proficiency, and emergence of personal voice. Students in 7th through 12th grade submit digital images of their work, which are juried by more than 50 jurors solicited from the local arts and education community. Lakeshore High School art student **Emma Bitzer earned two Gold Keys and one Silver Key for her works.** The Gold Key is the highest level of achievement on the regional level. Digital images of all GOLD KEY Awards are sent on to National Adjudication in New York City.

Gold Key Winner: Nail Dress, Emma Bitzer



Gold Key Winner: Mold Dress, Emma Bitzer



Silver Key Winner: Green Lady, Emma Bitzer

Lakeshore Academic Challenge Team

Lakeshore Academic Challenge Team

Lakeshore High School English Teacher Suzanne Miller has taken charge of the **Lakeshore Academic Challenge** team. Last year was her first year as coach. The team was full of first year participants still learning the ropes of competition. Winning only one match the first year, the team has come back with fierce determination.

"This year, holy cow, we are on fire. Lakeshore has never had a record like this. We have won the last 7 out of 7 matches!" stated Miller.

The team has broken two records: the number of answers correct in the "stump the experts" category (70 seconds to answer 10 questions), and most recently they won the most steals in a match.

The Academic Challenge program is run through Midwest Family Broadcasting, where Kristen Havens does an amazing job keeping things organized and on point. Lakeshore students compete against area public and private high schools in Berrien and Van Buren counties. They were also invited to a regional Great Lakes competition outside of our MidWest Academic Challenge area. This was a first ever for Lakeshore and they made it all the way to the semi-finals!

Team members include: Kyle Smith (returning team member - sophomore), **David Reisenbichler** (returning team member - sophomore), **Ishaan Gupta** (junior), **Joey Pietrogallo** (junior), **Ananya Bommineni** (sophomore), **and Aiden Doyle** (sophomore).

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BCD Spring Concert

May 6th & 7th, 7 PM, LHS
BCD Spring Dance Concert

The Berrien County Dancers will hold their Spring Dance Concert on Thursday, May 6th and Friday, May 7th at 7:00 P.M. at Lakeshore High School. Due to Covid-19, we will post information on the Spring Concert online and other social outlets. While we hope to hold the concert "in-person," the decision will depend on local and state requirements. Thank you for patience and support during this time. You may call the school at 428-1402, Ext. 2099 to order tickets when they become available.

The concert will feature works by Theresa Graziano (BCD Artistic Director), Adam Houston, and members of the Advanced Dance class.

Thanks to the generous support of Lakeshore Public Schools and the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation, Berrien County Dancers will host one guest artist during spring semester. Adam Houston, a company dancer with Giordano Dance Chicago, will be working with all BCD classes. He will also set choreography on the Advance Dancers who will perform his piece at the 2021 Spring Concert.

The Band Plays On!

The Lakeshore Bands, under the direction of Matt Pagel, Joel Hosey, and Katy Hosey, provided our students with a number of great opportunities this school year, despite the challenges presented by COVID-19.

In **September** and **October** the Lakeshore High School Marching Band was able to perform their Halloween themed show "Thriller" at a home football game as well as multiple performances for band families. Since all marching band competitions were cancelled, we focused on a fun show and even learned the famous "Thriller" dance!

In **November** and **December** the bands prepared their first-ever Virtual Holiday Concerts. Since high school students were learning remotely for much of this time, band class happened using Google Meet each day. Students practiced as a group and on their own, using special practice audio tracks to assist them. Each student created a recording of themselves playing their part on their own and submitted that to the band directors, along with some fun holiday themed pictures of them playing at home. All 135 audio tracks were edited together to create a recording that sounded like a full band, accompanied by a slideshow of the submitted pictures.

The Middle School Bands also recorded a virtual concert, with students performing together in the MS Library. The students' hard work brought a lot of holiday cheer to our Band Family.

Currently, the high school bands are preparing for the Michigan School Band & Orchestra Association (MSBOA) Virtual Band Festival.

Band class happens both on the auditorium stage and in the band room, in four different groups, to allow for the needed distancing between students as they play. With the help of instrument bell covers and special "band masks," the students are able to safely play indoors.

In early March, the bands assembled in larger numbers spread out in the gym and take part in multiple recording sessions in order to submit a performance for the Virtual Band Festival to the panel of MSBOA adjudicators.

To wrap up the year, the middle and high school band students will present outdoor **Spring Concerts** in Al Stockman Stadium for all of our band families. The high school will perform on **May 18**, with the middle school on **May 25**. Attendance will be limited to band students' immediate family members.

Lakeshore Marching Band

The high school performance will feature the WORLD PREMIERE of a new piece of music for concert band composed by Dr. Scott Boerma, Director of Bands at Western Michigan University.

The work, based on the melody to our own "Lancer Pride," was commissioned by the Lakeshore Band Parent Organization to honor the career of Mrs. Lori Von Koenig. After building a Band Program that is second-to-none, Mrs. VK retired in June of 2020. Due to COVID-19, she was not able to be celebrated and honored in the way that was deserved. This concert, featuring her conducting the premiere of her piece, will finally give us the chance to show our appreciation for what she has done for the school, community, and her band students.

This will be the first live concert band performance at Lakeshore since February 2020! We can't wait - GO BAND!

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A Family Affair: Lakeshore and Gesamtschule Hardt Set To Reunite

Cologne Cathedral

Applications for HOST FAMILIES and STUDENT PARTICIPANTS are due FRIDAY, APRIL 30.

Lakeshore High School students and local host families are encouraged to apply to the 2021-2022 Sister School Exchange Program.

This September Lakeshore High School will reunite with its Sister School in Mönchengladbach, Germany. After spending 2020 grounded due to COVID-19, the students at LHS and Gesamtschule Hardt are eager to reconnect as part of our transatlantic Sister School Exchange Program (SSEP). In October, 24 students and teachers from Mönchengladbach will arrive in Stevensville. They will be hosted by Lakeshore students and families, attend classes at LHS, tour local sites, and participate in a collaborative research project focused on renewable energy and sustainable development. Their visit, approximately two weeks in length, will be a rewarding experience for German and American students alike as both groups share aspects of their respective cultures and form lasting friendships that transcend geographic boundaries. The hosting experience will be reciprocated in March 2022 when LHS students and teachers travel to Mönchengladbach to stay with their German partners. Throughout their visit, our Lancers will attend classes at Gesamtschule Hardt, tour various sites, and experience the German culture firsthand. They will continue their collaborative research, investigating how Germany and other nations within the EU have transitioned to a dependence on renewable energy. At the conclusion of their two weeks in Mönchengladbach, Lakeshore students will extend their stay a few more days, exploring another European city (e.g. Berlin, Munich) before returning home to Michigan.

This short term reciprocal exchange is a transformational experience for our students and their host families. If you would like to be a part of this experience, serving as either a host family or as a student participant, please consider applying.

The application and additional details about the program are available online **(SCAN QR CODE BELOW)**. Completed hard copies of applications for host families and student participants must be submitted to the high school main office by **Friday, April 30**. Community members interested in supporting SSEP in some way, are welcome to contact Amy Perkins (aperkins@lpslancer.net) at Lakeshore High School.

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